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Two American Contractors killed in Iraq Sunday

Baghdad, Iraq -- Two American private contractors were killed and one was slightly wounded Sunday morning outside of Baghdad when an improvised explosive device (IED) was detonated along the roadside as the truck in which they were traveling passed. The injured man was reportedly treated for minor cuts and released.

Roy Buckmaster, 47, of Lake Oswego, Ore. and David Dyess, 53, of Havelock, N.C. were killed when an explosion rocked their vehicle in the town of Fallujah, Iraq. A third man, E. Frank Johnson, 51, of Bruceville, Texas was wounded in the attack.

Buckmaster and Dyess were Air Force veterans. Johnson is a Navy veteran.

The three were traveling in a U.S. Army convoy to a base camp outside of Baghdad when the incident occurred. The men were working in Iraq to support the Captured Enemy Ammunition (CEA) program contracted through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

The CEA mission handles demolition of conventional ammunition and weapons stockpiled by the previous Iraqi regime. All three men were working for EOD Technology, Inc. (EODT) as ordnance and explosive experts. EODT, based in Knoxville, Tenn., specializes in disposal of unexploded ordnance and munitions and is one of several companies awarded contracts for the CEA demolition operations that began Sept. 11, 2003.

The incident is currently under investigation.

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